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SUBJECT: "PRG" PARTICIPATION IN SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS

REF: A. GENEVA 0001

B. STATE 266161 (12/4/74)

1. APPRECIATE GREATLY GENEVA'S REPORT (REF A) AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN USMISSION'S SUGGESTION THAT WE REGISTER OUR OBJECTIONS PROMPTLY WITH WMO SECRETARIAT. WE AGREE WITH USMISSION THAT SECRETARIAT'S ACTION, PER SE, ACCORDS UNDESERVED INTERNATIONAL STATUS TO THE SO-CALLED "PRG".

2. USMISSION'S ASSUMPTION THAT "PRG" POSSESSES NO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE (PARA 2, REF A) ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, THOUGH WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT, WERE "PRG" TO BE INVITED, THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS COULD PRODUCE SOME INSTANT "WEATHERMEN" TO DIVERT CONFERENCE FROM ITS PROPER SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO BROADER QUESTION (PARA 3, REF A), THE

"PRG" IN NO WAY QUALIFIES AS A COUNTRY. IT IS SIMPLY THE SOUTHERN APPENDAGE OF THE REGIME IN HANOI, NO MORE NO LESS. REF B PROVIDES USG POSITION IN THIS REGARD AND THE ATTACHMENT TO SAIGON'S A-186 (DATED AUGUST 29, 1974 AND SENT GENEVA) GIVES BACKGROUND DATA ON TRUE NATURE OF "PRG".

4. THEREFORE WE URGE THAT USMISSION GENEVA, IN CONSULTATION WITH GVN REP AMB LOI, BE INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST ENERGETICALLY THE INCLUSION OF "PRG" ON POSTAL BALLOT, SINCE IT IS NOT A COUNTRY AND HAS NO METEROLOGICAL SERVICE AND HENCE DOES NOT QUALIFY UNDER GENERAL REGULATION 18. WE SHOULD ALSO URGE SECRETARIAT TO SEND OUT FOLLOW-UP DELEITING "PRG" FROM LIST OF PROPOSED OBSERVERS. AFTER THIS APPROACH IS MADE WE WILL PROMPTLY NEED TO CONSIDER LOBBYING EFFORTS TO ENSURE DEFEAT IN MAIL POLL.

5. FOR USMISSION GENEVA: WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH PROPOSED "PRG" FOR OBSERVER STATUS.
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